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Filed: October 15, 2001

For: COMPUTER SYSTEM
WARRANTY UPGRADE
METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Minor changes have been made to the specification. Claims 25, 28, 30, 35, 36, 41, 49, 50 and 55-57 are amended. Claims 1-57 remain in the application.